

# MUTUAL INTERESTS IN CHINA (CANCELLATION OF LANSING-ISHII AGREEMENT)

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*The Secretary of State to the Japanese Ambassador*

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
*Washington, April 14, 1923*

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to communicate to Your Excellency my understanding of the views developed by the discussions which I have recently had with your Embassy in reference to the status of the Lansing-Ishii Exchange of Notes of November 2, 1917.<sup>1</sup>

The discussions between the two Governments have disclosed an identity of view and, in the light of the understandings arrived at by the Washington Conference on the Limitation of Armament,<sup>2</sup> the American and Japanese Governments are agreed to consider the Lansing-Ishii correspondence of November 2, 1917, as cancelled and of no further force or effect.

I shall be glad to have your confirmation of the accord thus reached.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

CHARLES E. HUGHES

His Excellency Mr. MASANAO HANIHARA,  
*Japanese Ambassador.*

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*The Japanese Ambassador to the Secretary of State*

JAPANESE EMBASSY  
*Washington, April 14, 1923*

SIR:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note of today's date, communicating to me your understanding of the views developed by the dis-

<sup>1</sup> TS 630, *ante*, p. 425.

<sup>2</sup> For agreements concluded at the Washington Conference on the Limitation of Armament, Nov. 12, 1921-Feb. 6, 1922, see *ante*, vol. 2, pp. 329-386.

cussions which you have recently had with this Embassy in reference to the status of the Ishii-Lansing Exchange of Notes of November 2, 1917.

I am happy to be able to confirm to you, under instructions from my Government, your understanding of the views thus developed, as set forth in the following terms:

The discussions between the two Governments have disclosed an identity of view and, in the light of the understandings arrived at by the Washington Conference on the Limitation of Armament, the Japanese and American Governments are agreed to consider the Ishii-Lansing correspondence of November 2, 1917, as cancelled and of no further force or effect.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

M. HANIHARA

Honorable CHARLES E. HUGHES,  
*Secretary of State.*